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Applicant: K. Kaura  
Examiner/ AU: N. Newhouse/ 3727  
Application Title: Canister with Air Tight Lid and Spring Clamping Handle  
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office action of 9/12/03, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) An animal feed apparatus comprising in combination: a circular container having a peripheral sidewall closed at by a bottom panel thereof, and at a top end thereof an outwardly extending integral lip; an interior surface of the sidewall formed with an inwardly directed slope, and a lid providing an annular lid lip having ~~a pair of plural annular, outwardly facing and outwardly extending, spaced apart, ribs~~ positioned for such intimate frictional contact with the sloped sidewall of the container ~~as to cause a and adapted for vacuum engagement with the container so as to seal an interior space of therewith to seal the container, the apparatus further~~ comprising a side handle including an outwardly extending portion integral with the lip of the container and a downwardly extending portion spaced apart from the peripheral sidewall, the downwardly extending portion directed at an angle toward the sidewall and flexible for causing a spring clamping action for holding the container in place on a rail.
  2. (Currently Cancelled)
  3. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2-1 wherein the side handle provides plural stiffening ribs.
  4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2-1 wherein the side handle is adapted for receiving a fence rail frictionally sandwiched between the downwardly extending

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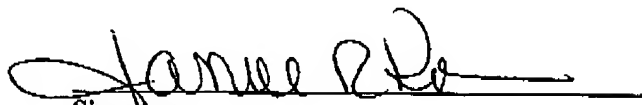
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